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## *UNITED STATES AIR FORCE*

**325th Fighter Wing**  
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Tyndall AFB, Fla 32403-5428

### **COLONEL TIMOTHY N. MERRELL**

Colonel Timothy N. Merrell is the commander of the 325th Operations Group, 325th Fighter Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The 325th Operations Group is comprised of nearly 1,400 personnel in four fighter squadrons, an air control squadron and an operations support squadron. The group trains F-15 and shortly, F/A-22 pilots as well as air battle managers for worldwide assignment to the combat air forces. The colonel is also the principal advisor to the 325th Fighter Wing commander on training and operational issues.



Colonel Merrell is a 1981 graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematical Science and a commission in the Air Force through the university's Reserve Officer Training Corps program. The colonel completed Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1982 and is a command pilot with more than 2,900 flying hours in the F-15. He has commanded at the flight, squadron and group levels.

#### **EDUCATION:**

1981 Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematical Science, Baylor University, Waco, Texas  
1986 Squadron Officer School (correspondence)  
1986 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
1994 Master's Degree in Aeronautical Science Technology, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
1995 Air Command and Staff College (residence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2003 Air War College (residence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2003 Master's Degree in Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. October 1981 - October 1982, student, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. November 1982-May 1983, student pilot, Holloman AFB, N.M. and Luke AFB, Ariz.
3. June 1983-June 1986, F-15 instructor pilot and electronic combat pilot, 58th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
4. July 1986-November 1988, F-15 instructor pilot and squadron weapons officer, 405th Tactical Training Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.

5. December 1988-July 1992, F-15 instructor pilot and flight commander, U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. August 1992-July 1994, F-15 instructor pilot and air superiority weapons officer, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
7. August 1994-June 1995, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. July 1995-June 1997, integrator, Air Superiority Joint Warfighting Capability Assessments, executive officer to the director, Air Force Requirements, HQ U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
9. July 1997-November 1999, director of operations, 44th Fighter Squadron, commander, 12th Fighter Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
10. December 1999-January 2001, deputy commander, 39th Operations Group, Incirlik AB, Turkey
11. February 2001-July 2002, deputy commander, 33rd Operations Group, Eglin AFB, Fla.
12. August 2002-June 2003, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. August 2003-present, commander, 325th Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,900

Aircraft flown: F-15 A/B/C/D

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Jul 25, 1981
First Lieutenant	Jul 25, 1983
Captain	Jul 25, 1985
Major	Dec 1, 1993
Lieutenant Colonel	Jan 1, 1997
Colonel	Jun 1, 2002

**(Current as of August 2003)**